

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A process for producing dehydrated food products, comprising:

- placing a food material in an aqueous solution of trehalose; and

- heating said food material in said aqueous solution to effect the dehydration of said food material.

12. (New) The process of claim 11, wherein said aqueous solution is at a concentration of 50 w/w% or higher.

13. (New) The process of claim 11, wherein the temperature of said aqueous solution is 70°C or higher.

14. (New) The process of claim 11, wherein said aqueous solution further contains either another saccharide, a sugar alcohol, or glycerine.

15. (New) The process of claim 12, wherein the temperature of said aqueous solution is 70°C or higher.

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16. (New) The process of claim 13, wherein said aqueous solution further contains either another saccharide, a sugar alcohol, or glycerine.

17. (New) The product obtained by the process of claim 16.